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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Proposals for acquiring 300 ulkudis and 1,000 house-sites are under examination by the Collector. I hope that within the prescribed time house-sites would be acquired and allotted.

SRI O. KORAN: It is understood that 300 sites have been ordered to be acquired. After the passing of the Malabar Tenancy Act of 1954, many Harijans were evicted from their ulkudis by their influential landlords and as a result they are without house-sites. In view of this position, will the Government consider the desirability of acquiring more house-sites for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: I have just now answered that 300 ulkudis and 1,000 house-sites are proposed to be acquired.

Language Pandits

9-20 a.m. * 2566 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether language Pandits are classified into two grades, namely, I Grade and II Grade;

(b) the principle governing such classification;

(c) the qualifications for getting classification as I Grade and II Grade by (1) Tamil Pandits, (2) Sanskrit Pandits and (3) Hindi Pandits; and

(d) the scales of pay, etc., paid to pandits under each grade and language mentioned in item (c)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pandits admitted to the Grade I scale of pay should have, besides the prescribed qualifications, work for not less than 17 hours per week in the higher forms (IV to VI) of High Schools. Other Pandits will be eligible for pay in the Grade II scale.

(c) & (d) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953

* 2567 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the Engineering firms closed in the City of Madras after the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953 came into force;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers laid off retrenched or kept out of work in each case; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 561–562 infra.